Student Involvement & Leadership

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The goal of the Student Involvement & Leadership (SIL) Department is to engage students in co-curricular and extracurricular experiences that enhance their collegiate experience. Meaningful involvement has been proven to strengthen students’ commitment to education, the institution, and their community. Furthermore, students who are actively engaged receive higher grades, transfer less, gain skills that lead to better jobs, obtain increased networking opportunities, have more friends, and are substantially more satisfied with their college experience.

The SIL Department is committed to training and advising the Dixie State University Student Association (DSUSA) leaders and the DSUSA Student Government Branches on campus policy and procedure, and promoting involvement in an inclusive learning environment.

Dixie State University Student Association (DSUSA)

Every fee-paying student at Dixie State University is a member of DSUSA. The mission of the DSUSA Student Government is to provide students with learning, service, and extracurricular opportunities; provide leadership training; promote school spirit; create unity and a unique Dixie culture; link Dixie traditions with new students; and offer a voice to the student body. The leadership branches of DSUSA include the Executive Council, Academic Senate, Clubs & Organizations, Student Life, Athletics, Public Relations, and Service.

Executive Council

The Executive Council includes the Student Body President, Vice President of Academics, Vice President of Clubs & Organizations, Vice President of Student Life, Vice President of Public Relations, and Vice President of Service.

Academic Senate

The Vice President of Academics and the Student Senate assist students in achieving academic and life goals. The Senate funds academic pursuits such as research and conference presentations. The delegation consists of student representatives from the eight major academic schools on campus. The Student Senate is a mouthpiece for students and advocates for the students’ collective academic interests at Dixie State University.

Institute of Politics

Dixie State University’s new Institute of Politics and Public Affairs will serve the campus and community as a hub for civic engagement, student leadership, and public education and research. Its core mission will be to inspire students to pursue careers in public service by providing them opportunities to connect with policymakers, politicians, activists, and academics. The Institute will (1) engage with DSU students and faculty to promote political education and involvement on campus; (2) ensure the university plays a more active role in Southern Utah’s civic environment; and (3) spotlight and address key policy issues unique to Utah (and Washington County).

Clubs & Organizations

The Clubs & Organizations branch currently houses approximately 70 active clubs on campus. The Vice President of Clubs & Organizations and the respective club representatives collectively manage club funds, oversee club bylaws, distribute club merit monies, and support club growth. Clubs & Organizations serves many purposes including the cultural, intellectual, professional, recreational, service, and social needs of students. Joining a club is the easiest and most personal way to get involved, meet other students, and truly enjoy your time at college. If there is not a club that interests you, it is easy to start your own.

Student Life

The Student Life branch of DSUSA oversees activities and campus life under the direction of the Vice President of Student Life and three Event Managers. Student Life aims to maintain Dixie traditions such as Homecoming, D Week, white washing the D, the Great Race, Dixie Awards, carnivals, etc., while continually adding new and improved activities like the Foam Dance, concerts, and comedians. This branch plans and organizes at least one DSUSA event each week of Fall and Spring semesters.

Athletics

The Athletics Branch of the Dixie State University Student Association (DSUSA) helps promote the ultimate fan experience for student at Dixie State Athletic Events! We cheer on the student-athletes by being loud, proud, and rowdy! Join the Spirit Squad and maximize your time as a student here at DSU.
Public Relations
The Public Relations branch promotes and advertises all events sponsored by the DSUSA under the direction of the Vice President of Public Relations and four Public Relations Chairs. It is the mission of this branch to inform the campus community of all DSUSA happenings through print advertising, social media networking, a weekly radio program, TV broadcasting, the Dixie Sun, the Red Storm Roll, and other marketing techniques.

Service
The DSUSA Community Engagement and Service Center encourages lifelong learning and service by providing opportunities to serve on campus and within the community. The Vice President of Service and three Service Leaders make up the Service Council within the service branch, and together they seek opportunities that build upon core values of service, citizenship, diversity, ethics, and collaboration that create an enduring service oriented mentality. The Service Council plans and organizes a major monthly service project and two large-scale Campus to Community service projects. Every week of the semester the Service Council provides service with at least one of our 13 community partners.

To find out more information on DSUSA Student Government and student involvement, please visit our website (http://dixiestudentlife.com) (following this link will take you out of the University Catalog).

Welcome Message From the 2018-19 DSUSA President
Welcome to Dixie State University where your life will forever be changed! At Dixie State we encourage growth by having an amazing environment to help cultivate and strengthen individuals and their relationships with others. From heavy student involvement with clubs, organizations, intramurals and other extracurricular activities, to amazing faculty, staff, and advisors, you have a place here at Dixie State to actively learn and have an active life. We are Trailblazers. During your time here, you will come to know just what being a ‘Trailblazer’ actually means. You will soon realize that you made the best decision by coming to this institution. Get involved and find yourself understanding exactly what the “Dixie Spirit” is. This campus is friendly and very inviting. Live your best life at Dixie State.

Dixie State offers much more than an amazing education. Be sure you are aware of the available resources that the university offers its students.

Please do not be a stranger. I love meeting new people and would love to get to know the awesome incoming Dixie State students. Please stop by my office on the second floor of the Gardner Student Center or simply say “hi” to me while walking around campus. Remember as part of The Dixie State University Student Association (DSUSA), your voice is the one that matters here. I am here for you and so are the other leaders on this campus. We will do whatever we can to serve you. Give us your input so we can continue improving as a university and student body. Who knows, maybe if we’re lucky YOU could be the next best thing about Dixie. #thedixielife #igotodixie

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Student Body President 2018-19